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## ARE THEY THE MURDERERS?

A Strange Story From Sweetwater Tennessee Where two Mexicans Are Held

### PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE WAY

Chief of Police Telegraphs That He Holds the Suspects For Identification and That They Answer the Description—Silver Belt Caused Arrest

On Monday a telegram was received by Sheriff Ed Shanley from Joseph Thompson, chief of police at Sweetwater, Tenn., saying that he had two Mexicans under arrest who answer to the description of the men suspected of having committed the crime. In error the telegram was dated Texas and not Tennessee, and as there is a town of Sweetwater in the former state between El Paso and Fort Worth a reply was sent to the Texas town.

It was not until Wednesday afternoon that proper communication was established between the sheriff and chief. At that time a telegram from the latter said that photographs of the men would be sent at once and they would be held pending investigation and that they answered the general description given. The sheriff telegraphed that \$1050 reward was pending and sent a full description of men with details of the crime, and if the photographs answer to the description given, and the chief thinks after receipt of the sheriff's letter, that the suspects are the men wanted an officer will go from here to Sweetwater, possibly accompanied by an identifying witness.

**Why the Arrest Was Made**  
On Wednesday morning the editor of the SILVER BELT received a personal letter from Mrs. W. E. Spence, formerly a well-known resident of Globe, now living near Sweetwater, Tenn., who is a subscriber to this paper, and has read with interest and horror the accounts of the foul murder at the Plunkett ranch. This letter bore date of August 2, and is reproduced in the very logical language of the writer:  
"Editor SILVER BELT: We live four and one half miles from Sweetwater. On August 2 I was standing at my door when two strange men passed. At the time I did not pay much attention to them, simply wondering who they were, as strangers rarely come this way. I only noticed that one wore a peculiar shaped straw hat. One was shorter than the other, noticeably so; both looked like foreigners, and each carried a peck on a stick over his shoulder.  
Today a neighbor came to visit me and asked me if I had noticed the two men who passed the day before and said they were Mexicans. She said that they stayed at Tom Roy's house the night before and her son Sam had met them early that morning going in to Sweetwater. I was immediately interested, and talked with Sam Roy who described them. My son accompanied me to Roy's house and we made inquiries. Mrs. Roy described the men and they answer the description given in the SILVER BELT of the murderers wanted for killing Sam Plunkett and Ed Kennedy. A thrashing crew of six men was at the Roy's home and one of them, named Sneed, had lived in Texas.

**He Could Speak Spanish**  
"He said they were Mexicans and he had talked with them, but they were very reticent. They claimed that they had walked from Cleveland, Tenn., and were looking for mines. I called up Mr. Spence at Madisonville and gave him the particulars. He at once notified Sheriff Watson, who assured him that no time would be lost in capturing the men. Yesterday they were seen in Sweetwater at noon. They have created a great sensation here as a Mexican has never been seen here before for half a century.  
"Mrs. Roy told me they were well supplied with money and carried bedding with them. They slept on her lawn under a cedar tree."

**Theories in the Case**  
Discussing the matter with Walter Shute, the possibility of these suspects being the much sought fugitives appears to him strongly. If the men seen by the conductor getting off the brake beams at Bowie were really the Mexicans wanted it would have been an

easy matter for them to get to El Paso and Juarez. There have been strong assertions made by parties claiming to have seen two men answering the description in El Paso. Deputy McKinney followed a trail from El Paso to Alamogordo which terminated there. If these men learned in El Paso that they were wanted and that a reward was offered for their arrest they might have sought the direction most improbable for them to take in fleeing to safety. It has already been suggested that the elder man is a sharp, shrewd fellow with a criminal record and that he was wanted in Mexico, in which case he would not risk being caught across the border.

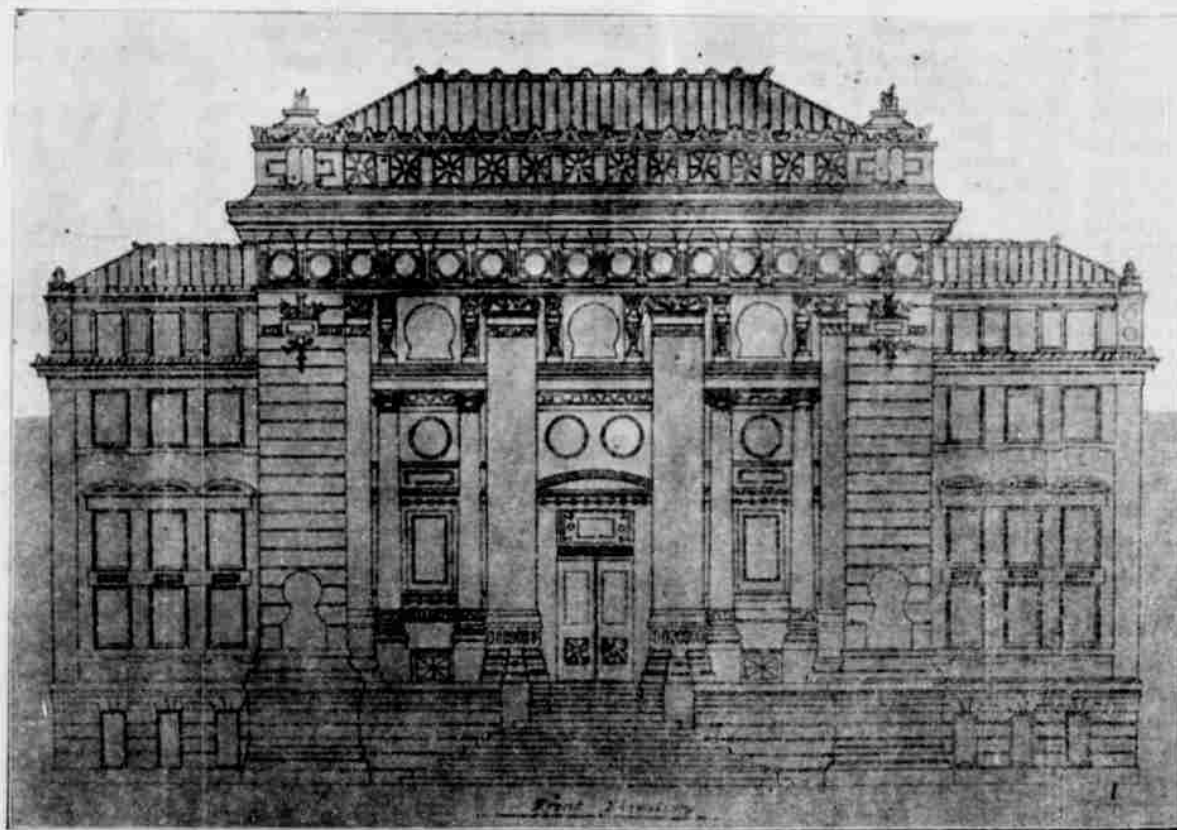
The prisoners will not be released until it is perfectly certain that an error has been made in arresting them and subsequent developments will be watched with great interest.

### BLOODHOUNDS ARE HERE

The Trained Trail Finders Will Be Given a Run Soon

The pedigree bloodhounds purchased by Deputy W. R. Anderson arrived in the city Saturday night and are so well satisfied with their surroundings that they have not bayed a single "Texas Lament" since their arrival. They seem to be the real thing and "Chaw" is correspondingly elated. He will give them a practice run in a day or two, or as soon as he can find a colored man who is willing to act as bait to lead them on a good chase. They keep their "smellers" in active use in the jail yard and utilize the liberty given them to get accustomed to the various scents encountered in Arizona, and already manifest great interest in the Mexican odor, which they are expected to become quite familiar with in the future. The boys about the sheriff's office say "Chaw has bought some barbed wire fence to make a chicken coop for his pups."

The Chosen Design for Gila County Court House Soon to be Erected in Globe Arizona



Front Elevation, Gila County Court House

### AN EXPENSIVE PLUNGE

Water Was too Tempting and he Took a Header

John W. Garden, better known as "Jack" to everybody in the camp has made another strike—in fact, a hit. He struck a five-foot vein of rich ore in his claims down Los Cabezas way and the rock showed the metal so plainly that he couldn't get here fast enough to tell about it. On a strike of that sort an old timer like Jack doesn't drink water—undiluted—so he told of his luck to many friends.

It was hot a day—hotter'n that, so he wandered down to the pool to watch the kids in swimming because it looked cool, and helped some anyhow. Somebody in an unguarded moment, dared Jack to "go as he was." That man either did or didn't know Jack Garden; he never stood for a dare in his life, and just as he came off the street, he took a long dive, a strong dive and a dive altogether clad in outer habiliments. Of course there was a commotion—merely a question of water—but a stir nevertheless.

Then came a minion of the law and escorted Jack up town where he could dry out his bathing suit and iron himself smooth. Justice Thomas thought it was worth six dollars for a bath after a man had been so long—in the Chiricahua and Jack, thinking of that five-foot ledge of ore worth a dollar a pound or more said it was cheap at the price.

**HOUSE WARMING PARTY**—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vincent received a large number of their friends in their new home on South Broad street on Wednesday evening with a housewarming party. Music was furnished by the

### SHIKATA DISCHARGED PROSECUTOR DISAPPEARS

Japanese Did Not Collect His Money But Shot His Man and Went Free—Evidence Insufficient

S. Shikata was discharged in Justice Thomas' court on Tuesday on motion of the district attorney, there being no evidence to insure conviction. Tanimura, the man his bullet wounded, failed to show up and the other witnesses in the case were inclined to favor the shooter's interests in their testimony. Shikata claimed to have shot in self defense and refused to say more. This position made a stone wall beyond which the prosecution could neither see nor feel so Shikata was turned loose. The Japanese system seems to be a winner and though he did not collect the money he claimed, he perforated his debtor and "got off" scot free.

#### A Vicious Bronco

Deputy Sheriff Will Shanley has two fingers of his left hand in splints and bandages as a result of an encounter with a sulky bronco which had probably been waiting patiently some time for a chance to show his cussedness. She grabbed his hand in her powerful jaws crushing the bones of two fingers and lacerating them fearfully. A Mexican, who came to his assistance, had to use all his force to pry her jaws open in order that Shanley might remove the crippled hand. There are no unfavorable symptoms and he hopes to have the whip hand over "her meanness" in the near future.

Dr. L. D. Ricketts, accompanied by his mother and sister, left on Sunday for Los Angeles and other coast points. The ladies have never been in California and the party will put in a week viewing the show places before returning to their home in New Jersey. Dr. Ricketts' stay in Europe is uncertain and, while his vacation extends to January 1, he may return to America in November and come west.

### TRYING TO SAVE BOOTH FROM HANGMAN'S ROPE

Strong Efforts Are Being Made to Secure a Reprieve for Period of Thirty Days to Appeal Case

The following article is from the Phoenix Republican of August 6, and explains the efforts of Zack Booth's counsel to secure a hearing in the United States circuit court of appeals, and the grounds on which the claim for a new trial will be made:

"Col. E. J. Edwards of Globe, attorney for Zack Booth, who is under sentence to be hanged on August 16 for the murder of Wiley Perry, near Gila, Gila county, nearly a year ago, has been in town for the past two days endeavoring to secure a reprieve to enable him to take the case on appeal from the territorial supreme court to the United States circuit court of appeals. This is perhaps the move by which, after the supreme court affirmed the judgment of the court of Gila county, Col. Edwards said the prosecution would be surprised. Governor Kibbey has not announced what action he will take on the application but Col. Edwards expresses hope of yet saving his client.

"In the event the reprieve is granted one of the grounds of appeal will be the same as one of the grounds on which the case was brought up from the district court to the supreme court. That was that there was an error in denying Booth ten peremptory challenges as the statutes allow all persons charged with a crime the punishment for which may be death.

"Booth and his brother John Booth, were indicted together and tried together. It was contended by the defense that each should be allowed ten peremptory challenges. The territory objected on the ground that though there were two defendants there was only one trial. This view was sustained by the supreme court.

"In that trial John Booth was ac-

quitted. He was afterward indicted and tried twice for the murder of a Mexican boy who was killed with young Perry. In both cases there was a failure to agree.

"It will probably be urged in the application for an appeal that Booth cannot obtain a fair trial. In that there will be a resemblance between this case and that of Caleb Powers whose case under section 641 of the revised statutes of the United States was taken out of the courts of Kentucky into the federal court.

"Should Booth be reprieved and should his appeal be allowed the case would come before the court of appeals at San Francisco."

Up to the hour of going to press no word has been received by the sheriff's office from the governor and they have not been officially informed that any action seeking to delay execution has been taken by him.

### MISS SIEBOTH VERY ILL

Life Was Despaired of but Late Advices Are Favorable

A. C. Seiboth has been in receipt of many telegrams from his wife who, with her daughter, Miss Alice, are spending the summer in Utica, N. Y., regarding the serious illness of their daughter. Yesterday the worst was feared and he practically gave up hope for her recovery. This morning, however, a telegram received from her physician brought the welcome news that a decided change for the better had taken place during the night and he had strong hopes for her ultimate restoration to health. Mr. Seiboth's many friends will join the SILVER BELT in the hope that the parents' anxiety may be speedily relieved.

Miss Pearl McArthur, a teacher at the Rice Indian school, who spent her vacation in Globe returned to Rice on Sunday. She was accompanied by Miss Hazel Keegan and Miss Margaret Cole who will spend a week as her guests.

## GLOBE DISTRICT MINING NEWS

Pure Electrolytic Copper Sheets Made in the Keystone Laboratory

### ORES WORK SATISFACTORILY

Jack Garden Makes a Strike of Rich Ore Near Dos Cabezas—Five-foot Vein Carries a Foot of Very High Grade Ore on Hanging Wall

Joseph C. Erman, in charge of operations at the Keystone Copper Company's mines brought to the SILVER BELT office a sheet of pure electrolytic copper, the result of a laboratory test at the mine plant. Several of these sheets have been made to test the adaptability of the ores to the process and the results are gratifying indeed. It is calculated that when the test plant ordered is installed sheets of pure copper three-eighths of an inch thick and of considerable size will be produced at a rapid rate. The ore in solution is allowed to flow upon large copper plates on which precipitation takes place and the sheets are "stripped" from the plates as soon as this precipitation ceases to be complete. A more extended description will be given in the SILVER BELT when the new plant is installed.

W. A. Thompson and Rayson have taken a bond on the gold claims known as the Barnett mine, at Bloody Tanks. The term is eighteen months and a large amount of work will be done, including the erection of machinery for treating the ores.

Frank Thompson has bonded some claims on Pinto creek to A. W. Sydnor, who is associated with Al West and Brother in operating the property. The claims are located about two miles west of the Gibson mine and sufficient work has been done to disclose a large quantity of excellent ore. The West Brothers are now at work on the further development of the veins and good progress is being made. The bond and lease runs for a year and provides for the payment of \$10,000 to Thompson before its expiration.

A. C. Sheldon of Phoenix has spent several days in Globe in an examination of the Iron Cap mining property, east of Globe. Mr. Sheldon is greatly impressed with the possibilities of the Iron Cap and has succeeded in enlisting the necessary capital in Salem and Beverly, Mass., to carry out the company's plans for putting the mine on a producing basis. Active work will be commenced within thirty days and Mr. Sheldon has formulated plans for the same during his visit. His interests in Arizona are large and varied and for fifteen years he has been active in securing the co-operation of eastern capitalists in developing the resources of the territory. His interest in the Iron cap property will be productive of much good to the corporation now in control.

Jack W. Garden, who has been prospecting for some months in the Chiricahua mountains near Dos Cabezas was in the city on Monday and left again for his claims, accompanied by his partner and backer, Frank Thompson. The occasion of his rush visit was a strike recently made—first reported by him in a letter dated August 2—which gives great promise. In his letter he said: "I have the biggest strike that has been made here in a long time. The ledge is about five feet wide and you can see the native gold and silver glittering all over it. The discovery has created quite an excitement here and people are visiting the property daily. There is a streak about a foot wide on the hanging wall that will probably run over \$1000 per ton." It is understood that the owners have been approached with a proposition for bonding the property and forming a corporation to handle it.

#### Fell From His Horse

George Porter was seriously injured on Monday while riding horseback on Lost Gulch on a mining trip. The horse fell down and he was thrown, hurting his right elbow severely. It has been so swollen since that his physician has not yet determined if any bones were fractured.

**ANOTHER BAD HOMBRE**—Deputy Sheriff W. R. Anderson left yesterday afternoon for Roosevelt on receipt of a phone message requiring an escort for a bad Mexican who had been ground through the justice mills at that place and sentenced to a residence in the county jail at Globe.

### DR. RICKETTS SURPRISED

Employees of the Old Dominion Present Diamond Ring

When Dr. L. D. Ricketts bade farewell to the Old Dominion works on Saturday evening, preparatory to his departure early Sunday morning, he thought accounts were all closed and the last good-bye said. He was mistaken. Saturday afternoon it became noised about among the employees that it would be the proper thing to present Dr. Ricketts with some token of the universal esteem and affection felt for him throughout the great plant which he does not take to the O. D. boys long to make up their minds, and they are still quicker to act. So it transpired that as the special car was being attached to the Sunday morning train which was to carry the chief away for his long vacation, Charles F. Shelby, in behalf of the donors, handed him a case containing a beautiful diamond ring. There was no speech making, no fuss and no frills—just the simple gift making—more eloquent than words to a man of Dr. Ricketts' plain, straightforwardness and nobody could have been more pleased than the recipient of the handsome token.

On the train Dr. Ricketts spoke with much feeling of the harmonious relations existing in his big family throughout all departments, saying he never before had had so pleasant and satisfactory an experience in handling a large body of men and he parted from them with great reluctance and would welcome the day when he might return, refreshed and recuperated.

A list of the donors follows:  
**SMELTER**—Chas. F. Shelby, John Salisbury, Pete Hutton, Ralph Holton, Reese Lloyd, George Duffy, Lee Young, James Williams, Mike Lyons, W. Kitamiller, John Hague, Emmet Bryant, A. Roberts, Nick Palmer, G. B. Hessler, Geo. Ruetlinger, Dave Lloyd, Ed Lloyd, Owen Lloyd, B. H. Thomas, J. D. Holaday, T. Bray, Pete Glanish, R. W. Dunlap, H. G. Houser, Ernest Crunk, Elmer White, William Millhaldon, James Keenan, Steve Keating, Pat Keating, J. L. Stedham, Sam Jamison, H. W. Gross, R. B. Kreiter, L. M. Sigman, E. L. Sigman, Matt Meeth, Ed Hayes, R. E. Sourwein, W. O'Brien, John Martin, Eugene Middleton, Henry Schuchle, Louis Gool, W. J. Davis, W. D. Claypool, G. J. Davis, Walter Martley, S. J. Baker, M. J. O'Neil, Henry Gaffney, Joe Johnson, I. B. Laskey, R. B. Goodwin, H. C. Ivey, R. Mitchell, Chas. Harrison, John McEwen, J. A. Willis, T. F. Russell, H. J. Davis, J. D. Kimball, W. Langdon, A. Bray, James Riley, Lee Carson, Andrew Miller, J. D. Wassen, W. R. Tafel, John Haley, Standish Mills, M. E. Knowles, Benny McNelly, Bernardo Leon, Pat Hughes, E. C. Misener, Fred Crunk, Rudolph Carlissa, Juan Baco, Ignacio Valenzuela, Mose Sharon, J. Weber, H. E. Jordan, John Paul.

**OFFICE AND GENERAL**—R. B. Hegardt, N. S. Berray, A. C. Cole, Tom MacLeod, E. H. Jones, R. Stahl, A. McAlpine, J. A. George, L. G. Moyer, C. H. Weideman, W. Nichols, T. Bott, M. G. McEnery, Ira Linley, J. F. Searles, Paul Michaelson, E. H. Laws, Walter DuMoulin, Fred Dixon, R. J. Davis, Robt. Keast, H. V. Snell, E. T. Stewart.

**MECHANICAL**—T. E. James, A. O. Browner, J. A. McHugh, T. Fegan, W. C. Gillen, J. W. Armstrong, W. Anderson, A. Taroli, E. A. Nesbit, G. F. Cane, Percy Middleton.

**VARIOUS**—C. E. Craven, J. Downs, T. S. Munson, J. B. Stratton, S. Heather, F. T. Brosi, Dick Watts, L. N. Marx, Tom Donovan, J. R. Stanfil.

Globe's new City Directory is pronounced a great convenience by the merchants of Globe.

Globe Concert Band and the Mandolin Club. Light refreshments were served, after which dancing was the order until midnight. All present had a most enjoyable evening. The ladies of Pocahontas presented Mrs. Vincent a handsome chair.

#### Miners' Union Concert

The following excellent program will be rendered at the Miners' Union concert in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening. The boys have been exerting themselves to their utmost and standing room will be at a premium.

Grand overture, "The Champion," (J. Hartmann) Globe Concert band.  
"The King of the Winds," (Frank David) solo by Miss Gladys Cook.  
"In Old Madrid," (Trotter) solo by Mr. Rosevear.

Overture—"Caliph of Bagdad," (Baldie) Mandolin club.

Selected—Solo by Mrs. Patton.

"Asleep at the Switch," recitation by Mr. Fred Scoble.

"The Song of the Lighthouse Bell," (W. H. Petrie) solo by Mr. Benbow.

Overture—"Roly Poly," Globe Concert band.

"O Restless Sea," (C. A. White) solo by Mr. Israel Jones.

"A. B. C.," (John Parry); celebrated lesson duet, Miss Cook and Mr. Benbow.

"The Polish Boy," recitation by Mrs. Bosch.

"Excelsior," (Balfe); duet by Messrs. James and Rosevear.

Overture—"On the Farm," (D. S. McCosh); by the Mandolin club.

"Juanita," (J. A. Parks); quartet, Messrs. James, Richards, Rosevear and Benbow.

Finale—"Bit-O-Blarney," Globe Concert band.